



## City Administrator Monthly Update May 2013

By City Administrator Mike Story



### Administration

Don't miss out on these upcoming special events:

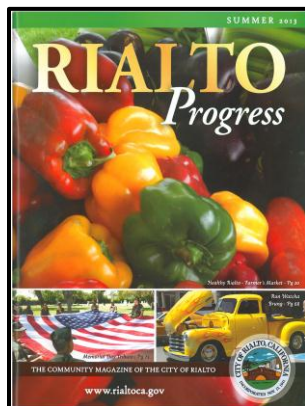
- Memorial Day Tribute  
May 27, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm  
Rialto Park Cemetery, 200 N. Willow Avenue.  
*For more information contact the City Clerk's office at (909) 820-2519.*
- The Murder of the Mystery Detectives  
June 1, 6:00 pm  
Rialto Branch Library, 251 W. First St.  
*For ticket information contact the Rialto Library at (909) 875-0144.*
- 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Taste of Rialto  
June 6, 5:00 – 8:00 pm  
Northeast corner of Rialto & Riverside Avenues  
*For more information contact Rialto Chamber of Commerce at (909) 875-5364.*
- Run Whatcha Brung Car Show & Cruise  
June 8 – Cruise on Foothill Boulevard (Route 66)  
June 9 – Car show in Downtown Rialto (all day)  
*For more information contact 909) 644-2471, (909) 877-0200 or go to [www.rialtorotary.org](http://www.rialtorotary.org).*

For more information on other upcoming events, please refer to the new Rialto Progress community magazine, mailed to households and businesses May 1, 2013, or view online at [www.rialtoca.gov](http://www.rialtoca.gov).

### Administrative & Community Services

#### Recreation

#### New Community Magazine Mailed May 1<sup>st</sup>



The City of Rialto's Recreation & Community Services Guide has been newly designed and re-named the RIALTO PROGRESS – "THE COMMUNITY MAGAZINE OF THE CITY OF RIALTO." In addition to providing residents with information on recreation programs, activities, special events and services, the RIALTO PROGRESS now includes information from all city departments and various community organizations. The Rialto Progress Community Magazine will now include a full-color advertising insert which will provide local businesses an affordable way to advertise via direct mail to 30,000 Rialto residents and businesses! The recently mailed summer issue covers the

months of May through August 2013. Work will begin soon on the fall issue which covers the months of September through December. In addition to being mailed directly to residents and businesses, the Rialto Progress will be available at various city offices and on the City's website.

### Special Events at the Rialto Racquet & Fitness Center's Tom Sawyer Pool!

- Drowning Prevention

On April 20<sup>th</sup>, the City of Rialto partnered with the Kiwanis Club of East Rialto for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year on its Kiwanis One Day Drowning Prevention and Safety Day. The Recreation Division's Lifeguards and Rialto Fire Fighters put on drowning demonstrations which replicated real life scenarios. These demonstrations brought to life hazards that children may face when in and around the water. The Recreation Division's Water Safety Instructors went over water safety topics from the American Red Cross and Longfellow's WHALE Tales safety course. About 70 participants were given instruction on how to react when dangerous situations occur in and around the water and life saving techniques that could help them. There were a number of raffle prizes, including private swim lessons, life jackets, goggles, swim caps, and sun screen. Once the instructional program and free swim activities were over, participants were given a complimentary lunch provided by donations from local businesses and the Kiwanis Club.

- Children's Safety Fair

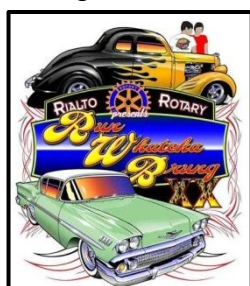
Please join us for our next event, the Children's Safety Fair, May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Rialto Racquet & Fitness Center, located at 1243 S. Riverside Avenue from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. There will be a number of safety booths and information for the entire family. Car seat safety checks, bike safety, lifeguard rescue demonstrations, water safety, and much more. In addition, we will be having our first Swim Competition among our Spring swim lesson participants at 9:00 am to bring friendly competition into our program to help motivate swimmers to continue in the sport.

### Midnight Madness Spring 2013 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Tournament

The 6<sup>th</sup> annual spring 2013 Midnight Madness Tournament took place April 19-21 with teams competing into the early a.m. hours. The So Cal Hitters captured their 4th title in the last 5 years. The So Cal Hitters will attempt to capture glory again at the **18<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Midnight Madness Tournament August 16-18, 2013**. **We would love to see your team out there this summer, so visit the recreation office or call Jeremiah @ 909-421-4949 for more information.**

### Kid's Fun Zone Part of "Run Whatcha Brung" Car Show Festivities!

On Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Rialto Rotary will be hosting its 20<sup>th</sup> annual Run Whatcha Brung car show. The streets of Downtown Rialto will be lined with classic cars, food and



vendor booths and the addition of a Kid's Fun Zone hosted by the City of Rialto Recreation and Community Services Division. Throughout the event children in attendance will be able to enjoy the Fun Zone by participating in a variety of activities including a petting zoo, face painting, battery powered ride-on cars and carnival style games. Fun Zone activities will be offered for a nominal fee and the carnival games will be available free of charge. The Fun Zone will be located in the pocket park and along the street on the northbound side of the

Rialto Avenue and Riverside Avenue intersection. The City of Rialto is excited to be a part of Rialto Rotary's Run Whatcha Brung event and looks forward seeing you when you check out the Kid's Fun Zone!

## Police Department

### City-Sourced "App"

City-Sourced delivers custom mobile reporting applications to our residents across all the major smart-phone platforms (iPhone, Android, Blackberry, & Windows Phone). City-Sourced provides a simple platform empowering residents to identify public safety issues (gang activity, narcotics activity, graffiti, abandoned vehicles etc.) and report them to the Police Department, Code Enforcement, or Public Works for resolution. This application is NOW available! For more visit our website at [www.rialtopd.com](http://www.rialtopd.com).



### Follow Rialto PD on Facebook!

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Facebook allows law enforcement to connect with their communities, post news and alerts, investigate and even solve crimes using information they collect through the site. It's a great way to get feedback, hear opinions, and engage in dialogue with the community you serve. Keep up with what's happening in your community. Visit us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/RialtoPD>

### Rialto PD Helps Local Family – SB Sun News Article

RIALTO -- Blanca Silva was 9 months pregnant, days from delivering her son and she had a car full of gifts from a baby shower. But her excitement turned to heartbreak when a burglar broke into the car, stealing all the gifts. Silva and her husband, Martin Victor Duran, couldn't afford to replace the stolen items. It was a dilemma that Rialto police felt warranted far more than a police report.

"To have that all taken from them, a baby coming so soon and not having money to replace it - it touched us all," Cpl. Cameron Nelson said. Silva and Duran reported the theft at their apartment complex in the 200 block of South Linden Avenue on April 16. Police technician Noretta Barker, who took the report, said the couple lost about \$250 in gifts. "It was just the world to them," she said. And coupled with the fact that Silva, who is deaf, often endures insults for her disability, Barker felt like she should do something to help.

Barker sent out word of the couple's woes to her colleagues, who quickly cobbled together more than \$1,000 in baby clothes, bottles, a high chair, a crib, and gifts for the couple's other five children. "All I did was put the word out for a few gently used items, and all my co-workers went crazy," Barker said.

Police delivered the gifts Wednesday, filling the family's living room full of bags and boxes. Silva, who delivered her son, Martino Duran, on Saturday, smiled as she watched her daughters, Stephanie and Shantelle, play with their new Barbies and stuffed animals. "I'm really happy," Silva said through a sign-language interpreter.

Read more: [http://www.sbsun.com/news/ci\\_23099928/theft-baby-shower-gifts-rialto-inspires-police-donations#ixzz2RVCYalzv](http://www.sbsun.com/news/ci_23099928/theft-baby-shower-gifts-rialto-inspires-police-donations#ixzz2RVCYalzv)

## Children's Safety Fair



On Saturday, May 18, 2013, the Police Department will be participating in a Children's Safety Fair. This event will feature car-seat safety checks, lifeguard rescue demonstrations, water safety lessons, and more. The event will be held at the City of Rialto Racquet and Fitness Center – 1243 S Riverside Avenue, and will run from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. For more information please call 909-820-2611 Ext. 106.

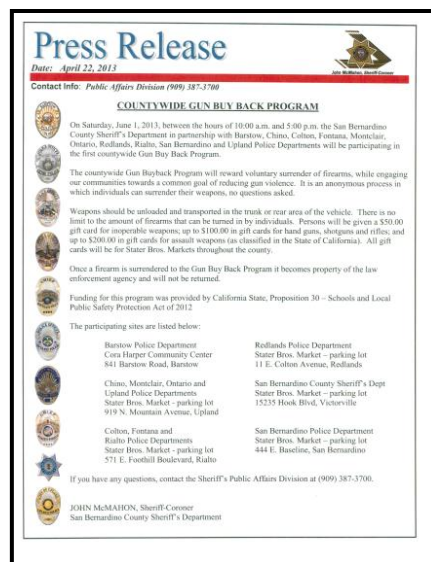
## County-Wide Gun Buy Back Program

On Saturday, June 1, 2013, between the hours of 10:00 am and 5:00 pm, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department in partnership with Barstow, Chino, Colton, Fontana, Montclair, Ontario, Redlands, Rialto, San Bernardino and Upland Police Departments will be participating in the first countywide Gun Buy Back Program.

The countywide Gun Buyback Program will reward voluntary surrender of firearms, while engaging our communities towards a common goal of reducing gun violence. It is an anonymous process in which individuals can surrender their weapons, no questions asked.

Weapons should be unloaded and transported in the trunk or rear area of the vehicle. There is no limit to the amount of firearms that can be turned in by individuals. Persons will be given a \$50.00 gift card for inoperable weapons; up to \$100.00 in gift cards for hand guns, shotguns and rifles; and up to \$200.00 in gift cards for assault weapons (as classified in the State of California). All gift cards will be for Stater Bros. Markets throughout the county.

Once a firearm is surrendered to the Gun Buy Back Program it becomes property of the law enforcement agency and will not be returned. Funding for this program was provided by California State, Proposition 30 – Schools and Local Public Safety Protection Act of 2012.



The participating sites are listed below:

Barstow Police Department  
Cora Harper Community Center  
841 Barstow Road, Barstow

Chino, Montclair, Ontario and  
Upland Police Departments  
Stater Bros. Market - parking lot  
919 N. Mountain Avenue, Upland

Colton, Fontana and  
Rialto Police Departments  
Stater Bros. Market - parking lot  
571 E. Foothill Boulevard, Rialto

Redlands Police Department  
Stater Bros. Market – parking lot  
11 E. Colton Avenue, Redlands

San Bernardino County Sheriff's Dept  
Stater Bros. Market – parking lot  
15235 Hook Blvd, Victorville

San Bernardino Police Department  
Stater Bros. Market – parking lot  
444 E. Baseline, San Bernardino

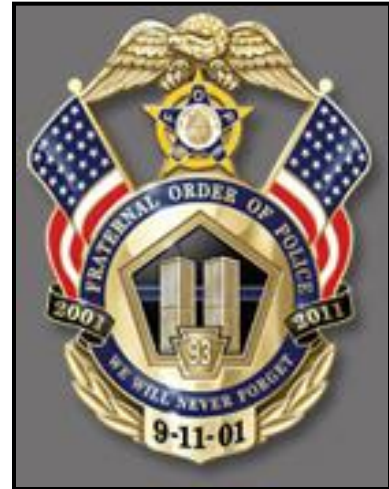


For more information please contact Lieutenant Dean Hardin at 909-820-2634.

## National Police Week

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as *Police Week*. Currently, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world converge on Washington, DC to participate in a number of planned events which honor those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

The Memorial Service began in 1982 as a gathering in Senate Park of approximately 120 survivors and supporters of law enforcement. Decades later, the event, more commonly known as *National Police Week*, has grown to a series of events which attracts thousands of survivors and law enforcement officers to our Nation's Capital each year.



The National Peace Officers' Memorial Service, which is sponsored by the Grand Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police, is one in a series of events which includes the Candlelight Vigil, which is sponsored by the [National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund \(NLEOMF\)](#) and seminars sponsored by [Concerns of Police Survivors \(C.O.P.S.\)](#)

National Police Week draws in between 25,000 to 40,000 attendees. The attendees come from departments throughout the United States as well as from agencies throughout the world.

## Regional Air Support Statistics for 2012

The Air-Support Unit is a regional unit comprised of officers from the Fontana, Rialto, Colton, and Redlands Police Departments. During 2012, the air-ship logged a total of 843.2 flight hours. The air-ship was first on-scene 595 times, and total calls for service were 1,278. Additionally, the air-ship assisted on 30 vehicle pursuits, 32 perimeters, and 9 officer foot pursuits.



## Regional SWAT Statistics for 2012

The Inland Valley SWAT team is a regional unit comprised of officers from the Rialto, Fontana, and Colton Police Departments. The team is charged with handling complex, critical incidents that exceed the scope of patrol services and specialized units. The Inland Valley SWAT team consists of three interconnected elements: the Tactical Unit, Crisis Negotiations Unit, and Tactical Communications Unit. During 2012, the team successfully responded to 10 barricade incidents and served 2 high risk warrants.



## **Pride Platoon Boot Camp**

The students of Pride Platoon Boot Camp Class 006 will graduate on Thursday, May 16, 2013. Graduation will take place at Rialto Middle School in the Multi-Purpose Room, at 7:00pm. Class 006 began with 40 students, and 27 of those students will successfully make it to graduation day. The graduating students will have successfully completed the 14-week program, which consisted of one full weekend of camping, 3-Friday field trips, and 13-Saturday sessions (totaling over 135 hours of boot camp).

Class 006 participated in 3 community clean-up days, including the City's Earth Day event. The students completed a Level-2 Anger Management course, received curriculum on various topics such as bullying-cyber bullying, effects of tagging crews and graffiti, sexting, teen pregnancy, leadership skills, self-image, awareness on drugs, alcohol and gangs, suicide prevention, and students received group counseling and 1-on-1 counseling which parents participated in. Class 006 visited the county coroner's office, West Valley Detention Center, Museum of Tolerance and San Bernardino Valley College. Lastly, Class 006 completed over 13 hours of physical training and endured over 3000 push-ups. Congratulations Class 006!

## **Area Command Meetings**

Area #1 Meeting – Thursday, May 9, 2013 at Sunrise Church 2759 N Ayala Ave. Please contact Lieutenant Andy Karol at (909) 820-2526 or email at [akarol@rialtopd.com](mailto:akarol@rialtopd.com).

Area #2 Meeting – Thursday, May 16, 2013 at Sunrise Church 2759 N Ayala Ave. Please contact Lieutenant Thompson at (909) 820-2560 or email at [kthompson@rialtopd.com](mailto:kthompson@rialtopd.com).

Area #3 Meeting – Wednesday, June 5, 2013 at Bloomington Christian School 955 S. Bloomington Ave. Please contact Lieutenant Wilson at (909) 421-7276 or email at [wwilson@rialtopd.com](mailto:wwilson@rialtopd.com).

Area #4 Meeting – Wednesday, May 22, 2013 at St Catherine's Church 339 N Sycamore Ave. Please contact Lieutenant Kurkoske at (909) 820-2568 or email at [jkurkoske@rialtopd.com](mailto:jkurkoske@rialtopd.com).

## **Fire Department**

### **Firefighter Staffing Grant**

The Fire Department is very excited to announce that they have received a \$2.8 million dollar grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to increase firefighter staffing in the City of Rialto. The Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant is designed to increase the number of firefighters in communities, which in turn improves emergency response capabilities. The grant will fund a total of 12 new Paramedic/Firefighters for Rialto, including all wages and benefits, for a period of two years. These new positions will help replace resources that were reduced due to budget shortfalls, and add new resources to improve our fire and medical emergency responses. The Fire Department



is currently screening new applicants, and plans to have the new positions fully staffed by July 1, 2013.

## **Drowning Prevention**

The Rialto Fire Department is passionate about reducing risks in our community, including those that may not involve fire. As the warm weather approaches, the risks associated with children and swimming pools also increase and can lead to tragic outcomes if not addressed. The RFD is taking an active role in educating our community's youth by conducting our drowning



prevention program for every first-grade class in the Rialto school district. The program kicked off on April 25<sup>th</sup> at Trapp Elementary School. With the help of the program's mascot, "Stewie the Duck", our firefighters teach children the basics about how to be safe around swimming pools and other bodies of water. Firefighters will continue the training each week throughout the Spring, with our goal to be ZERO drowning in our community.

## **Every 15 Minutes**

The Rialto Fire Department joined with the Rialto Police Department to present this year's "Every 15 Minutes" program at Bloomington Christian High School. This powerful program brings the tragic realities of driving under the influence or while distracted to life as students see and hear first-hand accounts of how poor judgment has devastated the lives of others. Firefighters participated in a dramatized version of a serious traffic collision in which the occupants had to be extricated from the mangled wreckage. In the scenario, some of the occupants, all students and Bloomington Christian, do not survive. The visual of one of their own dying in a car crash is one that is not easily forgotten, and one that hopefully has a profound effect on the decisions they make in the future.



## **Arson Awareness Week**

May 5<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> is National Arson Awareness Month. This year's theme is "Reducing Residential Arson". The Rialto Fire Department would like to take this opportunity to focus public attention on residential arson and provide our community with tools to reduce the incidence of this crime. The goal for this year's Arson Awareness Week is to provide all residents with strategies to combat arson in their neighborhoods. Here are some proactive measures that you can take to reduce the chance of arson in your neighborhood:

- Illuminate exteriors and entrances.
- Clear obstructions such as trees and shrubbery.
- Install smoke alarms and fire sprinkler systems.
- Keep doors and windows locked.

- Keep yards clear of trash and other combustibles.
- Immediately report any suspicious activity to the police department.

For more information on what you can do to reduce the chance of arson in your neighborhood, visit the [U.S. Fire Administrations](#) web site, or contact the Rialto Fire Department Fire Prevention Bureau at (909) 820-2501.

### **We know you like the fire department . . . show us on Facebook!**

Want to get up-to-the-minute information about what the RFD is doing? You can get information directly from the scene of emergencies, pictures and videos, fire safety tips, and other information about what the RFD is doing in the community on our Facebook page. Click [HERE](#) to join us.



### **Explorer Fundraiser**

The Rialto Fire Explorer Post #299 will be hosting a golf tournament to raise funds for their members to attend leadership and explorer training camp this year. The tournament will be held on August 3, 2013 at Colton Golf Course 1901 West Valley, Blvd. Colton, CA. 100% of all proceeds will go to the explorers, so get your team together to support our future firefighters. For more information contact Art Vallejo at (909) 854-6445.



## **Development Services Department**

### **New Business Licenses Issued during April**

The City welcomed the following businesses to Rialto during the month of April, 2013. The City sent each of these new businesses a welcome letter and a statement of appreciation for choosing Rialto as their business home.

<u>Business Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Goods/Service</u>
➤ B & S Pest Control Inc.	272 East Blue Mountain	Pest Control
➤ Sennett Semi-Trailer Inc.	2824 North Locust	Trailer Storage & Sales
➤ S & R Test Only #3	1111 East Rialto, Suite E	Smog Test
➤ Cast Iron Wonders	755 West Rialto, Suite F	Auto Restoration/Repair
➤ Desert Sands Public Charter	248-250 East Baseline	Educational
➤ Rainbow Nails and Spa	583 East Foothill	Nail Salon
➤ RAM Educational Services	288 North Riverside	Educational
➤ Stylish Honey Eyebrow	993 West Valley	Salon
➤ Norman Hernandez Computer	463 East Foothill #605B	Computer Repair
➤ PGS Coin Laundry	210 West Foothill	Coin Laundry
➤ Utility Crane & Equipment	575 West Valley	Truck mounted devices



➤ Kim's Shoes	463 East Foothill, #203	Shoe sales
➤ Caliper Auto Repair and Service	1260 North Fitzgerald, #104	Auto Repair/Service
➤ Family Dollar, Inc. #9243	677 South Riverside	Retail
➤ Salazar's Water Store	415 S. Riverside Avenue	Water retail sales
➤ Primos Burritos	1270 West Foothill Unit B	Restaurant

### **In-N-Out Burger Closes Escrow/Will Proceed to Construction**

In-N-Out closed escrow on May 6, 2013 and will pull permits and begin construction of its improvements by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Based upon a 90 day construction schedule, In-N-Out should open for business by September 1<sup>st</sup>. The City still needs to construct a 95-foot Freeway Sign as part of the project, and finish the improvements for the larger site. Negotiations continue with a second restaurant tenant for one of the two remaining pads.

### **McDonald's is Remodeling its Rialto Restaurants**

McDonalds is under construction on the first of its major renovation projects at Riverside Avenue and Baseline Road. The improvements include additional of additional storage and a complete façade remodel. McDonalds plans to remodel the restaurant at Riverside Avenue and Valley Boulevard next.

### **Demolition of Homes Precedes New Baseline Road Warehouse**

Panattoni Development assembled 27 parcels to create a 34 acre site at the northeast corner of Baseline Road and Locust Avenue. Panattoni will construct the 718,000 square foot I-210 Logistics Center for its client, CT Realty Trust. The City facilitated the project by acquiring a 10 acre parcel from the County, and then reselling it to Panattoni.

After removing hazardous materials (asbestos & lead), Panattoni commenced demolition during late April. Panattoni expects to pull permits early in May and proceed to construct the new warehouse over the next six months.



*Demolition of various structures along Baseline Road in advance of Panattoni's new 718,000 square foot warehouse to be constructed between Maple Avenue and Locust Avenue.*

## **FedEx Ready to Pull Permit for Expansion Project**

The Development Review Committee approved plans for 307,100 square foot logistics terminal for FedEx on a 36 acre parcel located on the east side of Cactus Avenue south of Jurupa Avenue within the M-1 (Light Industrial) zone. The new building will be the second location for FedEx in the City of Rialto, and the first building constructed in the Rialto Commerce Center. The DRC approved the project on February 26, 2013 and the approval letter was sent on March 4, 2013. FedEx expects to commence construction during May, 2013 and complete construction by early 2014. The new facility will employ approximately 120 workers.

## **Regency Theater Closes Doors -- New Tenant Coming**

Regency Theaters recently closed its Rialto Stadium 8 Theater located in the Rialto Town Plaza Shopping Center. Jack Nourafshan, the owner of the shopping center, indicated that Regency was limping along over the last few years and closed due to declining sales. Movie theaters are consolidating into regional entertainment centers, and moving away from neighborhood or community shopping center locations.

Mr. Nourafshan indicated that he was negotiating with a new potential user, but would not disclose the user until negotiations are complete. The City approved remodeling plans for the space last year.

## **Tesco Announces Intention to Close Fresh & Easy Stores Nationwide**

Tesco has announced its intention to abandon the US market and close all 199 of its Fresh & Easy stores. The stores, located in neighborhood and strip retail centers, average approximately 15,000 square feet. Analysts offered a rash of explanations as to why the chain did not perform to expectations, including poor site selection and market understanding. Rialto has one Fresh & Easy located in the Shoppes at Creekside that will eventually close. The building footprint may present some reuse challenges, appealing to a limited number of discount grocery stores (Aldi, Smart & Final, etc.) or drugstores.

## **IEEP Regional Economic Outlook Summary**

Spring is customarily the season for a series of economic prognostications for the nation, state, and region. The Inland Empire Economic Partnership held its annual "State of the Region" event on April 17th, which was keynoted as always by economist John Husing. This was followed up with the release of the April edition of Husing's Inland Empire Quarterly Economic Report and the Inland Empire Regional Outlook (Beacon Economics). The synthesized outlook for the Inland Empire is summarized below:

- **Labor markets** are finally picking up steam and adding jobs. While the unemployment rate stands at a historically high 11% in the Inland Empire, it is down from 13% a year ago.
- **Logistics** has been the dominant contributor to the improving labor markets, with health care and leisure services also providing strong support. Construction remains weak as does government, the latter continuing to shed workers due to revenue constraints.

- The number of **Underwater Mortgages** remains a substantial deterrent on economic recovery, although it is improving. The number of homeowners with loans that exceed the value of the home trended downward to 36% from a peak of 55% in 2009. Until home equity is restored through pricing increases, consumers will suppress spending in the local economy.
- The good news is that **home prices** are rising. The bad news is that sales volumes are flat, and more and more sales are to investors rather than owner occupants. Families with solid employment and credit histories are being outbid by well-capitalized investors paying cash on short escrows. The investors generally intend to rent the properties until the market recovers and then resell the homes to owner occupants for a profit.
- **Taxable sales** receipts have significantly improved, as new auto sales in particular reached record heights. Sales are also doing well in the business and industry category, with solar industries generating significant activity. The payroll tax increase that went into effect on January 1<sup>st</sup> and the federal sequester are expected to depress activity in this sector for 2013.

Rialto benefits from the strong logistics performance of the Inland Empire, as rents and building values for industrial uses have risen back to 2007 levels. For example, the Kline Ranch Project recently sold to TIAA-CREF for \$131.6 million, or \$78 per square foot. As a result of the value surge, several industrial projects are under construction or in the permitting process. The market is very strong for buildings of 500,000 square feet or more, and improving slowly for smaller buildings.

While taxable sales have improved slightly, Rialto does not have a new auto presence and has not partaken of the more sizable regional gains in taxable retail sales. Fuel sales have demonstrated historical volatility, producing short-term spikes in retail sales taxes for Rialto.

Rialto housing prices are firming up, but the City has a long way to go before sales volumes and sales prices reach “normality.” Sales have averaged 1,000 units each year during the recession, where normally 1,500 to 2,000 homes would be sold in any given year. The median price is now \$180,000, less than half the \$380,000 median sales value achieved in 2006.

### **Main Street Fairness Act and “Etailing” Trends**

Congress is currently considering the “Main Street Fairness Act” sponsored by the International Council of Shopping Centers. The legislation closes a loophole that allows internet retailers to avoid paying sales taxes, and unfairly compete against brick and mortar retailers. The growing internet retail sector has helped push certain retailers to bankruptcy, has reduced demand for commercial shopping center space, and has reduced sales tax allocations to governmental agencies. The bill would require internet retailers to remit sales taxes to the appropriate jurisdictions.

Internet sales are exploding, and with them the amount of industrial space which is used for order fulfillment. Amazon is perhaps the best example of a larger retailer operating out of a huge warehouse in an obscure industrial location. Wal-Mart and Target have also been in the market to acquire fulfillment centers. What does this mean for Rialto and other cities? More and more commodity products and comparison goods will be sold online and delivered from huge warehouses, producing less demand for goods sold

in shopping centers. This may result in fewer new shopping centers, and abandonment of existing shopping centers. Fewer traditional retail jobs will be produced. Retailing may be concentrated in neighborhood centers (groceries) and lifestyle (entertainment) centers, with community and regional shopping centers rendered increasingly obsolete. This trend could have potential positive and negative effects on Rialto, as our industrial base may capture an emerging “Etailer” but at the expense of current and proposed shopping centers.

## **Planning Commission Meeting Summary**

On Wednesday, April 24, 2013 the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the following projects:

- **Conditional Development Permit No. 721.** This application was filed by Alfredo Raya to allow the establishment of a water store in an existing building located at 1377 S. Lilac Avenue, Suite 206 within the I-P (Industrial Park) zone of the Gateway Specific Plan. The Commission approved the request with a vote of 7-0.
- **Certificate of Appropriateness No. 3.** This application was filed by Evangelina Flores to allow a 766 square foot addition to an existing historical structure located at 842 South Lilac Avenue within the A-1 (Agricultural) zone. Chapter 18.71 of the Rialto Municipal Code regulates historical preservation. This action required the Planning Commission to act in their official capacity as the Historical Preservation Board. The Board approved the request with a vote of 7-0.

## **Code Enforcement Volunteers Needed**

The Code Enforcement Division is seeking volunteers to help assist with various property maintenance issues. The City will provide field training and all equipment necessary to perform the duties. It is a perfect opportunity for retirees looking for a chance to get involved with their community and to help eliminate blight.

As a volunteer, you will help with inspections and programs such as:

- Supervising work release clean-up programs and projects.
- Remove yard sale signs in the public right of way.
- Report, remove & track shopping carts in the public right of way.

A City application is required and may be obtained at Human Resources, downloaded at: [www.rialtoca.gov](http://www.rialtoca.gov), via email [hr@rialtoca.gov](mailto:hr@rialtoca.gov), or by calling: (909) 820-2540. All statements made on the application are subject to investigation and verification.

## **Solar Installations Increasing Exponentially**

New photovoltaic solar panels installed in the United States produced 3,313 megawatts of power in 2012, up from 1,887 megawatts in 2011. Nearly 83,000 homes were fitted with solar panels, with many homeowners taking advantage of no-money-down solar leases and third-party financing. Residential solar projects produced 488 megawatts of power. California remains the industry's dominant market, becoming the first state to produce more than 1,000 megawatts of solar power in a single year.



In 2012, the City of Rialto issued 49 Solar Panel installation Permits, ranging from 3,000 to 8,000 watts of power production per residence. Through the first four months of 2013, the Building Department has issued 22 permits for solar installations and the City should exceed last year's permit production.

One megawatt is enough to power about 750 to 1,000 homes. However, because the sun does not shine all the time, solar industry experts typically say that 1 megawatt of solar power capacity is sufficient to power about 200 households.

## **Public Works**

### **Park Clean Up Days**

As part of an effort to make the City Parks a better place to play, the Public Works Department is hosting Park Clean-Up Days on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month from January through November 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Come join in the raking, trimming, shoveling, sweeping, painting and trash clean-up alongside City's Workers. The schedule of dates is as follows:

May 11, 2013.....	Flores Park .....	1020 W. Etiwanda Avenue
June 8, 2013.....	Jerry Eaves Park.....	1485 N. Ayala Avenue
July 13, 2013 .....	Fergusson Park.....	2395 W. Sunrise Avenue
August 10, 2013 .....	Frisbie Park.....	1901 N. Acacia Avenue
September 14, 2013 .....	Birdsall Park .....	2611 N. Linden Avenue
October 12, 2013.....	Metrolink Station .....	261 S. Palm Avenue
November 9, 2013 .....	Downtown Rialto.....	Riverside & Rialto Avenues

### **Community Center Rehabilitation – Phase 2**

On November 13, 2012 the City Council approved the construction plans and specifications for the Project, and authorized staff to advertise and solicit construction bids for a second phase of improvements at the Community Center and Margaret Todd Park.

The Project includes the following improvements:

- Renovation of public restrooms inside the Community Center Room 101 to meet Americans with Disability Act ("ADA") requirements
- Window replacements for the Community Center administration offices
- Improved exterior security lighting along east side of the Gymnasium
- New and improved exterior walkway lighting system
- Installation of perimeter security fencing and associated improvements at the Skate Park

On March 21, 2013 the City received two bids for construction of this project. The lowest bid of \$307,000 was submitted by Avi-Con, Inc. from Riverside. The low bid included a cost of \$110,000 for the proposed perimeter security fencing and related improvements at the Skate Park.

Earlier this year the City installed temporary chain link fencing around the Skate Park in response to vandalism problems with skate park users which occurred at the Community Center. Some skate park users have violated City rules and regulations

associated with park use. City staff has encountered skate park users who openly consume alcoholic beverages, and has found evidence of illegal drug activity in and around the skate park, including the public restrooms.

The proposed skate park fence was intended to allow the City to secure the Skate Park during regular school hours, to regulate its use and prevent truancy. After consideration and discussion by the City Council, it was determined that the temporary fence would be removed, and a decision to install a permanent fence be delayed for 6 months to allow staff to monitor the skate park use. If continued problems occur by skate park users with vandalism and violation of City rules, the City Council may reconsider installing a permanent fence around the skate park as a means of better regulating its use.

The City Council awarded a contract for \$197,000 to Avi-Con, Inc., at its April 9, 2013 meeting, excluding the skate park perimeter fence. Construction is scheduled to start by June.

### **Bud Bender Park Rehabilitation**

The City Council has identified a need to improve Bud Bender Park to meet the growing demands of the community. In its 2012/2013 One-Year Action Plan, the City Council described the Project as follows:

*The Bud Bender Park Rehabilitation Project includes design work, demolition and renovation work on the Pony League baseball field, spectator areas, snack bar & restroom facilities and parking lot area. Demolition includes portions of the infield surface, spectator area, backstop/fencing, irrigation, snack bar/restrooms and parking lot area. Construction includes grading, irrigation improvements and infield mix; replacement of base pegs, pitching rubber & home plate; replacement of fencing and backstop sections; concrete forming/pouring, installation of lighting, bleacher & bench upgrades and signage.*

The Public Works Department will coordinate all phases of this project, which it has identified as the “Bud Bender Park Rehabilitation Project – City Project CB1302”. The City is considering funding the project through a U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program, with an estimated construction budget of \$2,000,000.

The Project includes the rehabilitation and limited expansion of Bud Bender Park, an approximately 8-acre neighborhood park located at 300 N. Lilac Ave. Existing recreational elements within Bud Bender Park include two lighted baseball fields and one non-lighted pee-wee baseball field, two snack bar/scorer's booth structures, two restroom structures, one picnic shelter, a children's play area, passive park space and two paved parking areas.

Bud Bender Park is home to the Rialto Pony League. The league is active during the traditional spring/summer season and the fall season. Children ages 4 through 6 currently play in the Shetland Division on the pee-wee field, while children ages 7 through 15 currently practice and play league games on the two larger fields. Bud Bender Park also hosts City softball leagues and tournaments during the Pony League's off season.

The City previously held two public meetings to provide a forum in which stakeholders could express their concerns about existing conditions, share their ideas for improvements and explore the potential for adding new features within Bud Bender Park. The following outline summarizes the concerns with the existing park, priorities for improvements to the park, and features to be considered in the rehabilitated park:

Concerns:

- Dilapidated snack bars
- Poor sports field lighting
- Insufficient number of parking spaces
- Poor condition of infield surfaces
- Inadequate parking lot lighting
- Inadequate safety lighting around structures and play areas

Park Rehabilitation/Improvement Priorities:

- Replace sports field lighting with state-of-the-art lighting
- Add lighting to pee-wee field
- Replace snack bar and restroom facilities
- Refurbish parking lot surfaces
- Add parking spaces
- Improve lighting throughout park

Desired New Park Features:

- Walking Paths
- Shade Structures over bleachers and dugouts
- Infield Irrigation Systems
- Additional Picnic Structure(s)
- New Play Structures
- Splash Pad
- Outdoor Fitness Equipment
- Dog Park
- Other Sports – Basketball, Tennis, Sand Volleyball
- Security Fencing around the perimeter of the park

The project will incorporate additional Americans with Disabilities (ADA) compliant pedestrian facilities and equipment, including sidewalks and ramps into the design to provide a safe route and access to all park elements/features.

The Public Works Department prepared Request for Proposals No. 13-030 (RFP) to solicit proposals from professional firms to provide engineering and landscape architecture services for the Project. The RFP was released on January 10, 2013 and proposals were due by February 21, 2013. On February 21, 2013 the Purchasing Division received eleven proposals in response to the RFP from the following firms (in alphabetical order):

1. Bondiman & Associates, Inc.; San Bernardino, CA
2. Community Works Design Group; Riverside, CA
3. Dudek; Riverside, CA
4. Fraco Enterprises, Inc.; Grand Terrace, CA
5. Hirsch & Associates, Inc.; Anaheim, CA
6. Hernandez, Kroone & Associates; San Bernardino, CA
7. MIG, Inc.; Fullerton, CA
8. RHA Landscape Architects-Planners, Inc.; Riverside, CA
9. RJM Design Group, Inc.; San Juan Capistrano, CA
10. STB Landscape Architects, Inc.; Redlands, CA
11. Willdan Engineering; San Bernardino, CA

An Evaluation Panel reviewed the proposals which resulted in a preliminary ranking of the firms' qualifications, establishing a "short-list" of the four most qualified firms. The firms invited for formal interviews were:

- Community Works Design Group
- Dudek
- RHA Landscape Architects-Planners, Inc.
- Willdan Engineering

The City held formal interviews with the four firms on April 4, 2013. As a result of the interviews, the City's Evaluation Panel determined that Community Works Design Group ("CWDG") was the most qualified firm, based on their prior local experience in Rialto, their significant experience working on public parks and recreational projects, and the interest in the project demonstrated by their schematic plan preparation and presentation at the formal interview.

On April 23, 2013 the City Council awarded a contract to CWDG to provide the design services for this project. It is anticipated that the design work will be completed by next summer.

### **National Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program**

The Federal Clean Water Act (or "CWA") established the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") as a national program to regulate discharges of pollutants from point sources to waters of the United States. Discharges are illegal unless authorized by a NPDES permit. The United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") authorizes the State of California to issue permits, and the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (or "Regional Board") administers them for the Inland Empire area.

The Regional Board issued the first NPDES permit to the City in 1992, and has re-issued a new permit every five years; it issued the current permit to the City on January 29, 2010. The permit regulates our operation and maintenance of the City's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (or "MS4" – the system of streets and storm drainage systems that convey storm water runoff to the Santa Ana River). The permit regulates the discharge of pollutants in urban stormwater runoff generated from development projects, and from existing commercial and industrial sites. The goal of the NPDES



permit is to prevent polluted runoff generated on private properties from passing directly to the MS4 and thereby polluting the Santa Ana River.

The NPDES permit requires the City to inspect construction sites, industrial facilities, and commercial establishments. Inspection frequency for commercial, industrial and construction sites is based on various factors, such as: the type of business and activities; the types of potential pollutants present; whether the business is in significant non-compliance and proximity to impacted waters. Businesses are assigned to a high, medium or low priority inspection based on the Standard Industrial Code (SIC). Businesses that are classified as high priority must be inspected annually, medium priority businesses must be inspected once every two years and low priority businesses must be inspected once every five years.

Examples of polluted stormwater runoff that are to be prevented through the City's NPDES inspection program are shown in the following photos. The examples identify erosion and sediment pollution caused by an active construction site; oils and polluted contaminants in a drainage gutter; leaking fluids from stored equipment; and leaking toxic chemicals and other pollutants from a commercial trash enclosure.



Of the 2,431 currently licensed businesses in Rialto, 854 have been identified as having an assigned SIC that requires their compliance with the City's NPDES permit and its inspection program.

Business Type	NPDES Priority	Total
Industrial	High	164
Industrial	Medium	16
Industrial	Low	94
Restaurants	High	93
Restaurants	Medium	10
Restaurants	Low	7
Commercial	High	178
Commercial	Medium	114
Commercial	Low	8
Commercial	TBD	170
Total Businesses		854

Examples of the types of businesses that NPDES categorizes as High, Medium or Low NPDES Priority are:

- **High Priority**

Full service restaurants; NPDES concern – cooking oils and grease

Gas stations; NPDES concern – oils and fuel spills

Auto Repair Garages; NPDES concern – oils

Manufacturing; NPDES concern – toxic chemicals

- **Medium Priority**

Limited service restaurants; NPDES concern – chemicals and various fluids

Car washes; NPDES concern – soaps and gray water

Landscape services; NPDES concern – organic materials, toxic chemicals

Warehouses; NPDES concern – chemicals and various fluids

- **Low Priority**

Self-storage facility, printing/publishing business, catering business, carpet cleaning business, very limited restaurant (i.e. Subway or Starbucks)

The City previously provided a program for inspection of construction sites, industrial facilities, restaurants and commercial sites with City staff, environmental program inspectors and code enforcement officers. As a result of the City's budget shortfalls, many positions throughout the City were eliminated to reduce costs borne by the General Fund – including the positions used to provide the inspection program mandated by the CWA and required by the City's NPDES permit. The City attempted to use remaining staff to perform this function, however implementation of the inspection program was difficult and it was not adequately performed.

The Rialto Municipal Code Section 3.32 empowers the City to recover costs reasonably borne for providing various services through the imposition of fees and charges. The City does not currently charge a fee to recover the costs incurred for performing inspections of industrial facilities, restaurants and commercial establishments required by the City's NPDES Permit. Given the City's current financial condition, staff recommended that the City Council consider establishing fees for on-site NPDES inspections to recover the City's costs of providing these services. The recommendation included certain fees to be established at rates to recover 50% of the City's costs as follows:

<b>Type of Business</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Industrial	High	\$132
Industrial	Medium	\$29
Industrial	Low	\$12
Restaurant	High	\$98
Restaurant	Medium	\$32
Restaurant	Low	\$10
Commercial	High	\$50
Commercial	Medium	\$24
Commercial	Low	\$10
Re-Inspection		\$300/hour

The City performed a survey of similar fees required in other jurisdictions to determine how the proposed fees compare to fees currently established for storm water inspection programs within the Inland Empire. The comparison of fees is shown here:

CITY	FEE	REFERENCE
City of Ontario	\$333.00	Industrial – High
County of San Bernardino	\$303.00	Initial Inspection
City of Highland	\$225.00	Industrial
County of San Bernardino	\$217.00	Follow-up inspection.
<b>City of Rialto</b>	<b>\$132.00</b>	<b>Industrial - High</b>
City of Ontario	\$130.00	Industrial – Medium
City of Highland	\$110.00	Commercial
City of Ontario	\$103.00	Commercial – High
<b>City of Rialto</b>	<b>\$98.00</b>	<b>Restaurant - High</b>
City of Grand Terrace	\$80.00	Commercial/Industrial
<b>City of Rialto</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	<b>Commercial - High</b>
City of Ontario	\$39.60	Industrial – Low
<b>City of Rialto</b>	<b>\$32.00</b>	<b>Restaurant - Medium</b>
<b>City of Rialto</b>	<b>\$29.00</b>	<b>Industrial - Medium</b>
City of Ontario	\$28.40	Commercial – Medium/Low
<b>City of Rialto</b>	<b>\$24.00</b>	<b>Commercial - Medium</b>
<b>City of Rialto</b>	<b>\$12.00</b>	<b>Industrial - Low</b>
<b>City of Rialto</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>	<b>Restaurant - Low</b>
<b>City of Rialto</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>	<b>Commercial - Low</b>

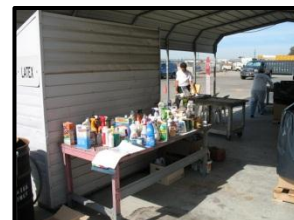
On April 23, 2013 the City Council held a Public Hearing to consider adoption of the recommended fees. Prior to the Public Hearing, the City mailed letters to all 854 businesses that would be subject to the proposed fees, advising them of the Public Hearing and the requirements for the proposed fees. At the Public Hearing there was no opposition to the proposed fees, which were adopted by the City Council to be effective July 1.

## Solid Waste Management News

### Hazardous Household Waste Collection

During the month of April, Solid Waste held their Hazardous Household Waste Collection. The total stats for the event were as follows:

- **311 Resident** served
- **585 gallons** of used motor oil
- **5 pallets** of paint
- **9 drums** of miscellaneous poisons and other toxic liquids
- **30 gallons** of antifreeze
- **12 barrels** of sharps
- **20 vehicle** batteries



During the month of May, the site will be open from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

## Special Event

The Solid Waste Management Division will be holding its 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Rialto Community Garden Open House.

When: Saturday, May 18, 2013  
Time: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm  
Location: 539 N. Acacia Avenue, Rialto  
(Behind Grace Lutheran Church)

Activities: Plant and Vegetable Sale  
Information Booths  
Garden Tours  
Free Kids Crafts  
Butterfly Lady, Orchid Societ  
Composting Demonstration at 11:30 am



**FREE**  
**Popcorn & Drinks**

**FREE MULCH!**  
DONATED BY BURRTEC WASTE  
**Bring your own bags & shovel!**

**For more information call (909) 421-7222**

